GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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PALAVARAM IRRIGATION PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has withdrew the environmental clearance given earlier to the Palavaram Inter-State Irrigation Project involving the States of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Chhattisgarh; and

(b) if so, the reasons for withdrawal of clearance for construction of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) The Polavaram Inter State irrigation project, involving the States of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Chhattisgarh, was accorded environmental clearance on 25th October, 2005. The National Environment Appellate Authority vide its order dated 19th December, 2007 has quashed the environmental clearance on the grounds that public hearing was not conducted in affected areas of Orissa and Chhattisgarh resulting in the denial of access to information and opportunities to the affected people to express their views/opinions etc. on the environmental impact of the project and the consequential violation of principles of Natural Justice.